

INFORMATION BUILDERS INTRODUCES WEBFOCUS FOR MAINFRAME LINUX

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Offering Linux Users the Most Powerful Business Intelligence at the Lowest Cost

London, UK – July 17, 2003 – Information Builders, the leader in enterprise business intelligence (BI) and real-time Web reporting, today announced the immediate availability of WebFOCUS for Mainframe Linux, a powerful business intelligence solution for users of the Linux operating system.

Customers now have the exceptional ability to securely access and integrate data residing on the Linux operating system as well as over 85 other applications and across 35 platforms including MVS/OS/390, VM/CMS, Unisys, UNIX, and NT – and transform that data into relevant and consistent information for delivery throughout the extended enterprise. Additionally, mainframe Linux customers can also leverage WebFOCUS' unique data access capabilities and securely access any data set under MVS/OS390, including DB2, IMS, and VSAM, among others.

Information Builders has been a long-time supporter of Linux running on mid-tier platforms such as Intel, and extends this support through its WebFOCUS for Mainframe Linux offering. WebFOCUS is the only enterprise business intelligence solution in the market that runs on mainframe Linux. With this solution, Linux users can now take advantage of an integrated suite for delivering vital information to unlimited numbers of diverse users across an enterprise at the lowest possible cost.

"Now that WebFOCUS, the most cost-effective enterprise business intelligence solution, runs on mainframe Linux, the most cost-effective operating system, customers will have the best of both worlds," said Jim Irving, Information Builders UK managing director. "This combination truly offers enterprises the most powerful, scalable, and economical solution in the market."

WebFOCUS for Linux provides powerful business intelligence and information delivery capabilities and is optimised to run seamlessly on the Linux operating system. Users can leverage robust functionality such as:

- Reporting, query, and analysis to meet the information needs of all levels of users in the enterprise with everything from standard reports to ad hoc queries and in-depth OLAP analysis
- Cutting-edge data visualisation, such as GIS mapping and advanced graphical components, allowing users at all levels to easily perform intuitive, highly interactive, graphical analysis – so they can discover crucial relationships and spot critical trends in an instant
- Information delivery and management to easily schedule, distribute, share, and archive corporate information, ensuring instant accessibility when it's needed most
- Data access, integration, and ETL to allow companies to access virtually any type of information source or build data marts and data warehouses to fully leverage their information assets

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About Information Builders

Information Builders is one of the world's largest privately owned software companies. With almost 30 years experience in the management and integration of information, Information Builders specialises in

the supply of Web based Business Intelligence and Enterprise Application Integration. Its enterprise solutions enable the timely delivery of information to over 11,000 customers, 1800 employees and 350 business partners across the globe.

With headquarters in New York City, Information Builders has 90 offices worldwide. Fifty people are employed in the UK, at Wembley, Middlesex and in Warrington, Cheshire. Turnover worldwide is £300 million, with UK turnover at £10 million.

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